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SUBJ: SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PROPOSAL FOR ENERGY ACTION
GROUP: DECEMBER 19 DISCUSSION IN NAC

1. IN ADDITION TO ITEMS IN HIS MEMORANDUM ON FOLLOW-UP TO NAC MINISTERIAL (USNATO 6142), SYG NOTED DURING DECEMBER 19 NAC DISCUSSION THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD CALLED IN NAC AND IN MORE DETAIL IN LONDON SPEECH FOR BROAD COOPERATION ON ENERGY. ALLIES WERE ALREADY DEALING WITH VARIOUS ASPECTS OF PROBLEM IN REGULAR COMMITTEES AT NATO - CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE, ECONADS, AND PETROLEUM PLANNING COMMITTEES (WHOSE REPORT (USNATO 6160) WAS SUBSEQUENTLY NOTED WITHOUT DISCUSSION BY NAC). IN LONGER TERM, IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO EXPAND NATO ROLE IN FIELD OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES, BUILDING ON ALLIED WORK ALREADY UNDERWAY IN CCMS ON SOLAR AND GEOTHERMAL ENERGY, IF ALLIES SO DESIRED.

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2. MOST PERMREPS FOCUSED ON OTHER ASPECTS OF MINISTERIAL FOLLOW-UP AND DID NOT ADDRESS ENERGY, CANADIAN PERMREP, HOWEVER, SAID HE HAD HAD IMPRESSION FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER'S NAC SPEECH THAT U.S. ENERGY PROPOSAL

WAS FOR NATO ACTION BUT HE HAD NOTED THAT THE SECRETARY REPEATED PROPOSAL AND CALLED FOR EXPANDED PARTICIPATION IN LONDON A FEW DAYS LATER. MORE RECENTLY, THE COPENHAGEN COMMUNIQUE OF THE EC-NINE SEEMED TO OPT FOR OVERALL ENERGY COOPERATION THROUGH THE OECD. HE SUGGESTED THAT ALLIES CONTINUE TO REVIEW QUESTION OF NATO ROLE IN ENERGY COOPERATION OVER HOLIDAYS AND RETURN TO IT EARLY IN NEW YEAR.

3. MCAULIFFE (U.S.) DREW ATTENTION TO CCMS PROJECTS ON SOLAR AND GEOTHERMAL ENERGY AS SPECIFIC ASSETS ALLIANCE ALREADY HAS TO OFFER IN ENERGY CRISIS. HE NOTED THAT JAPAN AND CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AMONG INTERESTED NON-NATO PARTIES, ARE EXPECTED TO PLAY ROLE IN THIS CCMS WORK PROGRAM. HE CONCLUDED THAT CCMS INITIATIVES SHOULD MAKE FULL CONTRIBUTION ON ENERGY PROBLEM.

4. SYG SAID NAC WOULD RETURN TO QUESTION OF BROAD ALLIED COOPERATION ON ENERGY IN SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS. PRENDERGAST

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